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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : PALTENGHE et al.  
Serial No. : 09/291,294  
Filed : April 14, 1999  
For : **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURELY  
STORING ELECTRONIC DATA**  
Art Unit : 3744  
Examiner : Norman, M.

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

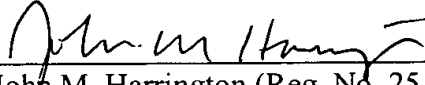
Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2003, in the above-identified patent application. This extension of time will extend the period for response up to and including January 3, 2004.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the fees for this action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this action, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1458. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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